

**No. R-512. House concurrent resolution honoring Hugh Tallman for a half century of public service in the Town of Belvidere.**

(H.C.R.358)

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Wolcott and Woodward of Johnson

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, the voters in Belvidere have elected Hugh Tallman to the selectboard, which he chaired and as a justice of the peace, and both positions resulted in his service on the board of civil authority, and

Whereas, his nonelected municipal roles have included emergency management director and participating as a nonvoting member on the planning commission, and

Whereas, the totality of public service these offices represent is noteworthy, but it pales in comparison to his most enduring town position, and

Whereas, for 50 consecutive years, including most recently at the 2016 town meeting, the electorate has selected Hugh Tallman as Belvidere's road commissioner, a longevity record that may be the longest in the State, either currently or historically for this office, and

Whereas, he has proven the ideal person to assume the weather-dependent emergency duties associated with the road commissioner's portfolio, and

Whereas, Hugh Tallman's special talent in town government is his ability to identify and secure grant funding from Vermont's Agency of Transportation and Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and the Federal Emergency Management Administration to implement highway and public safety improvements that, although essential, might not otherwise have come to fruition, and

Whereas his most important criterion for seeking a grant is assessing community needs and the number of persons affected, and he has made flood prevention and resiliency a top priority, making Belvidere a model for other flood-prone communities, and

Whereas, Hugh Tallman has represented Belvidere on the Lamoille County Planning Commission for over 15 years and served as its treasurer, and the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department has recognized him for his work on the Department's advisory committee, and

Whereas, despite this busy agenda, Hugh Tallman has found the time to chair the Lamoille County Republican Committee and, most importantly, partner with his wife, Myrna, in operating Tallman's Grocery Store for over 50 years, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Hugh Tallman for a half century of public service in the Town of Belvidere, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Hugh Tallman.